

IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

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APRIL 28, 1848.

Submitted, and ordered to be printed.

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Mr. MASON made the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill S. No. 238.]

*The Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Gad Humphreys, praying indemnity for property destroyed in Florida, by order of a United States officer, have had the same under consideration, and make the following report:*

It appears that Gad Humphreys, the petitioner, was the owner of certain property, the nature and value of which are duly set forth in a detailed statement, properly authenticated, which will be found among the papers, which property was in and near the town of Micanopy, Florida, at the time of the attack upon that place, made by the hostile Indians in August, 1836. It further appears that a portion of said property was captured by said Indians, owing to its being exposed in consequence of the occupation of his buildings by United States troops, and that the residue was destroyed by fire in obedience to an order issued by the officer commanding said troops. The testimony in regard to the abovementioned facts, being, in the opinion of the committee, conclusive, and such as to prove that the loss of property to the petitioner was occasioned by the act of an officer of the government, duly authorized to give the orders which led to the loss of the property in question, they recommend the passage of the accompanying bill.

